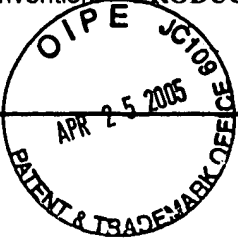
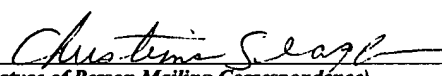
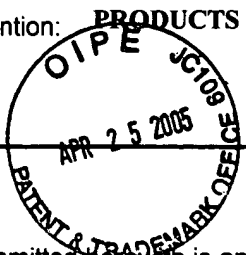
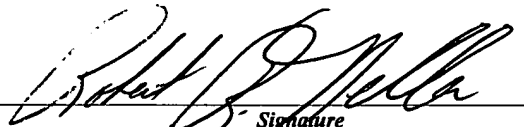
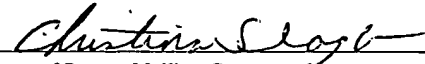


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RESPONSE

Sir:

This correspondence is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed April 6, 2005, regarding the above-entitled application for which the time to respond is through June 28, 2005.

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.